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In response to the Final Office Action of May 25, 1999, Applicants hereby respond by amending the claims as follows:

1. (Amended Twice) Paper or cardboard comprising protein and starch components of flour in the paper fiber matrix, wherein the components are subjected to a degradation with ammonium persulfate (APS) and protease, APS and amylase, APS and an acid, amylase and protease or a combination thereof before being introduced to the paper or cardboard.

5. (Amended Twice) A method for manufacturing paper or cardboard from a fiber matrix and flour comprising subjecting at least the flour to a deamidation reaction and/or a partial proteolysis treatment comprising, mixing the flour with ammonium persulfate (APS) and protease, APS and